

**REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 16, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 16, 2012 at 8500 Jefferson Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Elrod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Howard McMullen.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Elrod.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Raczkowski, Deland, Calhoun, Marsh and Elrod. Trustee Beamish was ill and Trustee Reynolds was absent due to a death in the family.

Commissioner Julie Alexander gave an overview for Jackson County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Supervisor Elrod asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh to approve Supervisor Elrod's request that the Fire Department report be added to the Consent Agenda. Ayes all. Motion carried. Trustee Raczkowski had a question about the zoning report. Motion to move the Zoning report to the Discussion Items portion of the agenda was made by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Raczkowski. Ayes – Deland, Calhoun, Marsh and Elrod. Neys – Raczkowski. Motion carried. The Agenda and the Consent Agenda were never voted on and as a result was not approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion to approve accounts payables in the amount of \$269,510.73 by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes – Marsh, Calhoun Elrod. Nays – Raczkowski and Deland. Motion Carried.

SEWER REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Trustee Deland to receive and file the Sewer report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the Controller. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASSESSORS REPORT: Motion by Trustee Deland, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun to receive and file the report from the Assessing Department. Ayes all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Deland, seconded by Clerk Marsh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: On the Consent Agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Motion by Treasurer Calhoun, seconded by Clerk Marsh to receive and file the report from the Police Department. Ayes all. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: There was discussion on the previously approved purchase of the land adjacent to the Jefferson Cemetery. There was discussion on the Workman's Comp. Insurance for the Township's sub-contracted Inspector's. Supervisor Elrod and Treasurer Calhoun gave an update on the Southern Interceptor. There was discussion on the Zoning report.

ACTION ITEMS: A School Tax Collection agreement with the Jackson Intermediate School District was approved after a motion was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A School Tax Collection agreement with the Columbia School District was approved after a motion was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A School Tax Collection agreement with the Napoleon School District was approved after a motion was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion Carried. A motion to table the purchase of BS&A software for the building program was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Trustee Deland. Ayes – Marsh, Deland, Calhoun. Nays – Elrod. Motion to table carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Marsh, seconded by Treasurer Calhoun. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Marsh, Clerk
Columbia Township